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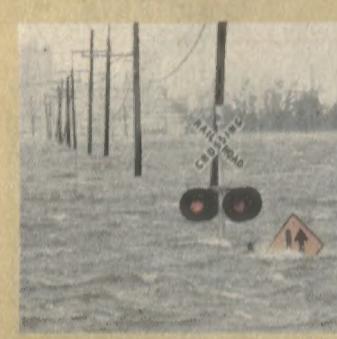
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SU hosts Grand Opening of TETC

By Sara Sutton
Staff Writer

President Dudley-Eshbach was seeing red this past Thursday—red ribbon, that is—as she cut the tape to the new pride and joy of Salisbury University, the Teacher Education Technology Center (TETC).

The grand opening ceremony, held in the courtyard of the new building, was set on a hot day but spirits were high as the President and other local dignitaries, as well as teachers and students, gathered to celebrate the long-awaited grand opening of a much-needed facility.

The massive 165,000 square foot building stands tall on the corner of West College Ave. and Route 13 with a colonnaded rotunda and two-story atrium which provides a “welcoming gateway to the campus.” 1,550 tons of steel, the equivalent of 310 elephants, and two Olympic-size pools of concrete went into making this 65 million dollar creation in only two years! It is the largest building in SU’s history.

But what is inside is what really counts. To sum it up, the new build-



Sarah Wright photo

President Janet Dudley-Eshbach, Congressman Wayne Gilchrest, SGA President Lili Afshami and Dr. Dennis Pataniczek are just a few of the privileged honorees and guests who took part in Thursday's ribbon-cutting ceremony for the Teacher Education and Technology Center's grand opening

ing boasts eight computer labs, four tiered classrooms that can hold over 130 people, a multi-media art exhibition studio with plasma screen televisions, and an integrated media center with a 3,000 square foot high-definition video production studio (one of few on campuses nationwide) and a 24-track audio recording studio believed to be one of the only ones on the Eastern Shore. This does not include the various conference, meeting and break-out rooms, outdoor classrooms, Methods Labs, and distance learning classrooms.

“I know that our teacher candidates and all of our SU students come to the University today with a higher degree of skill in technology,” said Dr. Dennis Pataniczek, Dean of the Seidel School of Educational and Professional Studies. “The TETC will allow us to meet them where they are and to take them to new heights. These new resources have the potential of changing teaching for our region, attracting new faces with new visions for the classroom.”

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Gilchrest crosses party lines to support Kratovil



Laura Emmons/The Daily Times photo

Congressman Wayne Gilchrest, R-1, announces his support for State's Attorney Frank Kratovil, a democrat, in Salisbury last Tuesday.

By Sarah Lake
Editor-in-chief

Defeated incumbent Congressman Wayne Gilchrest, R-1, crossed party lines last Tuesday

when he officially endorsed Democrat Frank Kratovil in the First District Congressional Race.

“For the 18 years I have been honored to represent the First District in Congress, I have always tried to

make decisions based on principle rather than partisanship or politics. This decision is no different,” Gilchrest said at a press conference in Annapolis. “I respect and admire Frank’s integrity and independence. I know he’ll be willing to work across party lines for the best interests of this district.”

Gilchrest and Kratovil toured the first district last Tuesday, making stops in Annapolis, Salisbury and Easton. The following day, they traveled to Cecil County.

Kratovil, a two-term state’s attorney for Queen Anne’s County, is running against State Senator Andy Harris, R-7, who defeated Gilchrest in the Republican primary by 10 percentage points.

Throughout his initial campaign, Harris, a Western Shore resident, launched several attacks on Gilchrest, labeling him a “dirty trickster” and accusing him of not being a “real republican.”

Gilchrest insists that his endorsement of Kratovil has nothing to do with Harris’ campaign. “A cam-

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‘Commuter Connections’ makes SU worth the trip



Sarah Wright photo

GUC facilities coordinator Brian Lind and graduate assistant Janet Matope give out prizes at the Commuter Welcome Fair.

By Vanessa Junkin
Staff Writer

Seventy-five percent of Salisbury University students commute to campus. Until this year, however, not much was done to form activities specifically centered around the needs of commuters.

After realizing a need in the campus community, though, the Commuter Connections program has started to take shape.

Lawanda Dockins-Gordy, Director of the Guerrini University Center (GUC), runs the new program with the assistance of Hakunavanh Janet Matope, Commuter Connections Coordinator/Graduate Assistant.

The purpose of the program—which is being introduced this year—is connecting students with not only other students, but also the faculty, staff and the resources available, said Dockins-Gordy. She added that the Commuter Connections program strives to aid in commuters’ basic needs of food, belonging and

shelter.

Dockins-Gordy said that she would “encourage them to stay on campus” for more time than to just attend classes. She explained some of the opportunities to stay involved in the campus community, including dining at one of the campus eateries, working on campus and studying or relaxing in one of many areas on campus grounds, such as the GUC.

To help people learn about the Commuter Connections program, Matope worked on researching for brochures and the new Web site. Dockins-Gordy noted that every commuter was sent information about the program.

In fall 2007, a survey was sent out to commuter students and the results were used to help make this academic year a better one for commuters.

The input was used to help determine what kinds of activities commuters wanted, as well as the times that would work best for these activities, what resources were lacking and also what the overall needs of

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New student apartments proposed

By Kayla Moore
Staff Writer

Last Tuesday, city council members gave preliminary approval for three housing development programs that will build off-campus residences for SU students.

One of the three complexes is slated for construction along Onley Road, which is already highly populated with college students and complexes like University Village.

The complex would be less than one mile from the Salisbury University main campus, and less than half of a mile away from East Campus.

If the council gives final approval to these plans, pilot sites for these complexes will be expected by the end of 2008,



Brett Morgan photo

Construction begins behind Bennett Middle School.

according to www.ceweb.salisbury.edu, Salisbury’s city council Web site.

The demand for student housing has been at an all time high

due to the limited amount of available space for on-campus living.

Only about 1,750 students will live on campus during the fall 2008 semester. However, no one is denied from living on campus when they apply to the school.

“Due to the limited space, priority goes to freshman and new students for on-campus housing,” said David Gutoskey, the housing and residence life director. “If they aren’t living on campus, then it is because they have chosen not to, or they are transfer students, who have been wait-listed for housing.”

Gutoskey said some 300 to 400 students, mostly transfer students, are wait-listed for housing each semester.

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TETC

Study Abroad Fair
Learn about SU study abroad programs in different majors all over the world at the Study Abroad Fair 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Thursday, September 11, in Red Square (rain location: Wicomico Room, Guerrieri Center). In addition to SU-sponsored programs, representatives from SU-approved affiliated study abroad organizations will also be available to speak about their international programs. For those unable to attend, visit SU's Center for International Education at 1106 Camden Avenue, call 410-334-3495 or visit www.salisbury.edu/intl/ for more information. For questions, e-mail suic@salisbury.edu.

Syllabus Workshop
The Center for Student Achievement invites students to attend a workshop to help them better understand their syllabi. The workshop will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 9, from 3-4 p.m. and Wednesday, Sept. 10 from 6-7 p.m. The CSA is located in GUC 213. Everyone is welcome!

Philadelphia Museum Trip
SU's Office of Cultural Affairs sponsors a bus trip to Philadelphia's College Day on the Parkway, offering free admission to many of the city's museums for college students with valid IDs Saturday, Sept. 27. The day features free shuttle service between participating locations, special programs and tours of the city's most exciting cultural centers. Tickets are \$25 for SU students, faculty, staff and alumni, on sale now. Tickets are \$45 for community members, available starting Tuesday, Sept. 16. All tickets are available at the Guerrieri University Center Information Desk. Buses depart at 6:30 a.m. from the Dogwood parking lot at SU. Buses depart from Philadelphia for the return trip at 5:30 p.m. For more information, call 410-219-2872.

Poster Sale
Tired of looking at your bare walls? Come to Beyond the Wall's Poster Sale taking place in the Pergola and Fireside Lounge Monday, Sept. 8 through Friday, Sept. 12 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Commuter

Salisbury commuters were more active, games and recreational game tournaments have been established, the lounge has been redesigned and there are more resources available concerning off-campus housing, among other changes. Locker improvement is one of the next problems to tackle. Dockins-Gordy noted that surveys are very helpful in deciding a course of action and "further provide windows of information to better serve our commuter students."

Another survey will be given later this month via e-mail, and commuter students will once again have a say in what they'd like to see at SU.

In addition to using the survey results and seeing what kinds of things other colleges do for commuters, Matope noted, "I'm a commuter student myself." She said she was able to think about what kinds of things she would like to see at the other Salisbury campuses.

A meeting was held for all freshman commuters and Dockins-Gordy said that it was an opportunity to "put them in touch with other like students."

The Commuter Welcome Fair, held

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Then and Now: (Left) President Dudley-Eshbach cheers at the TETC ground-breaking ceremony in 2006. (Above) Dudley-Eshbach celebrates the TETC grand opening with Dr. Dennis Pataniczek.

Although the building is being used by most majors on campus, its main purpose is to serve as the home to the Samuel W. and Marilyn C. Seidel School of Education and Professional Studies, formerly located in Caruthers Hall, a building one-third the size of TETC and around 60 years old. It is also greatly serving the Social Work Department, as well as the departments of music and information technology.

The ceremony began by first showcasing the Prince Street Elementary School choir who sang "We are the world, we are the children." Seven of the young students were wearing the dress of their native countries. The elementary school currently has students who speak 10 different languages from 10 different countries worldwide. For those unable to attend, visit SU's Center for International Education at 1106 Camden Avenue, call 410-334-3495 or visit www.salisbury.edu/intl/ for more information. For questions, e-mail suic@salisbury.edu.

President Dudley-Eshbach
was beaming with pride and enthusiasm as she gave her speech, stating, "I have the best job in the world!" She explained how important the new building is to the future of education at not only the University but to the teachers and students it will produce.

President Dudley-Eshbach

The Teacher Education and Technology Center is exceeding all expectations. The facility has beautifully added to the appearance of our campus, and it will enable faculty to launch exhilarating innovations in teaching and learning," Dr. Janet said. "Opening up a new world of digital creativity for University students, the TETC offers possibilities

for collaboration and intellectual exploration that are cutting-edge and reflect dynamic changes happening in our world. The facility will impact the ways students are taught in schools and further advance the University's reputation as a center for excellence in teacher preparation. The TETC will attract even more of Maryland's most promising students to campus and usher in a new era at Salisbury University."

Speeches were then given by Dr. Dennis Pataniczek, the Dean of the Seidel School of Educational and Professional Studies; President Dudley-Eshbach; the Honorable D. Page Elmore, Maryland House of Delegates, Chair, Eastern Shore Delegation; and the Honorable Norman H. Conway, Maryland House of Delegates, Chair, House Appropriations Committee.

Gilchrest

First, Kratovil needs to make himself more prominent at events on the Eastern Shore. According to Gilchrest, the state's attorney attends events, but he does not get much press coverage.

Second, he needs to talk more about Harris' "extreme" voting record. "As a doctor, Harris has voted against cancer screenings for senior citizens as well as a number of other health care issues that would benefit a lot of people," Gilchrest said. "He has made a number of votes in the state legislature that would hurt Eastern Shore agriculture, education and small business. Most prominently, Harris has voted against every program that would help the Chesapeake Bay."

Lastly, Kratovil needs to rally his supporters. "They should be more active in every corner of the district with phone calls, fliers and fundraisers," Gilchrest said. "Frank can't do this by himself. His supporters need to be energized."

If Kratovil loses the November election to Harris, Gilchrest said, the Eastern Shore will greatly suffer. "The bay will suffer and we'll see a decline in land for agriculture and much more for development."

Also, he said, the voice of the people on the Eastern Shore will not be heard in the halls of Congress. "Their voice for innovation, moderation and progress will not be heard. The farmer, the waterman, the small business owner, the school teacher, the senior citizen who depends on social security — their voices will not be heard in Washington."

To learn more about Frank Kratovil and to view a new television ad featuring Gilchrest, visit his Web site at www.kratovil.com.



Laura Emmons/The Daily Times photo

Frank Kratovil receives Gilchrest's endorsement because of his commitment to the Eastern Shore and the health of the Chesapeake Bay.

It's a matter of which comes first: your country or a political party that has drifted into dysfunction," Gilchrest said. "Eisenhower, Goldwater and Reagan would not be accepted into this Republican Party."

Currently, Kratovil trails Harris in campaign funding and polling figures. In Gilchrest's opinion, Kratovil needs to do three things to defeat Harris.

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Better departments lead to better opportunities

By Randon Ryland
Staff Writer

Salisbury University has made some noteworthy changes to its academic departments. Beginning this fall, the Conflict and Dispute Resolution (CADR) and Nursing Departments will be offering Masters' programs. Additionally, CADR and Theatre/Dance were granted their own departments in which to better explore their specific goals, breaking away from the departments of Sociology and Communication Arts.

"The Master of Arts in Conflict Analysis and Dispute Resolution is a new program that addresses the growing need for highly skilled conflict resolution practitioners to work within judicial, governmental, social service and private sector systems," said Brian

Polkinghorn, Program Director of CADR and Executive Director of the Center for Conflict Resolution. Effective in the fall of 2009, Salisbury will officially launch the MA CADR program, open to all undergraduate majors. The program highlights a cohort course model, an in-depth research thesis project, a broad field practicum and an optimistic professional development project.

"One example for a professional development project is developing a concept, or perspectives, for an NGO [non-governmental organization]," explained Susan Battistoni, Associate Professor and Chair of Department of Nursing. The programs were approved and are available this fall; the department is eager and preparing for a larger entering class. The Nursing Department—especially Dr. Battistoni and Dr. Johnson—also do outreach, from local hospitals to neighboring colleges, promoting the new programs in effort to increase enrollment and community service.

CADR has been moved from both the Sociology department and the

Center for Conflict Resolution into the lower wing of Holloway Hall, as its own department. "Some things we like about being our own department is we can better define the relationship between the Center and the major now, and we don't have to appeal to a chair that's in a different discipline," said Rob LaChance, Associate Professor and Chair of Department of Nursing. The programs were approved and are available this fall; the department now has better oversight and availability to CADR majors/minors. The department also updated its staff, as part of the second and rare awarding of the Elkins Grant, which nationally it's [Theatre/Dance], a logical combination you see across higher education in the United States," said Dr. Victoria Hutchinson, Department Chair of Theatre/Dance program.

What makes the Theatre/Dance program unique is the classical grounding in a liberal arts setting, enhanced curriculum and endowment from Bobby Byron, a woman from Salisbury who'd attended theatre events all her life, worth a half million dollars. "What that means is in three weeks we'll be doing auditions and offering three two thousand dollar scholarships for this year, so if a student's GPA stays up, they get two thousand dollars, every year," explained Dr. Hutchinson. The Theatre/Dance Department is ready for prospective students with more productions and courses addressed to their specific needs.

For students interested in any of the aforementioned programs, all the information is available on the Salisbury University Web site.

Givens elected SU Foundation Chairman

SALISBURY, MD—Rick Givens of Dover, DE, is the recently elected chairman of the Salisbury University Foundation, Inc.

Givens has been a member of the foundation board since 2002, serving as its treasurer from 2005-2008, and the immediate past chair of its public radio committee. He replaces outgoing chairman Edward M. Thomas, who led the foundation for four years. Thomas will continue to serve on the board.

Givens is a champion of campus enhancements and outreach through SU's Campaign 2012. He hopes to maintain the strategies that have helped the foundation meet its fundraising—as well as friend-raising—goals.

"Following the fine example of my predecessors, I look to carry forward the mission and vision of the foundation and continue to build on its successes," he said. "SU is a fantastic institution; it's a great place. There's tremendous leadership at all levels, and I'm privileged to serve in this capacity."

Givens is a two-time graduate of SU, earning his B.S. in business administration and B.A. in liberal studies/music. He is a retired senior fiscal administrative officer for the State of Delaware Treasurer's Office and former administrative officer in the office of the Delaware Insurance Commissioner. He serves on the boards of the Biggs

Museum of American Art, the Smyrna Opera House, and volunteers as a public school student mentor with Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Delaware.

"We are so lucky to have the leadership of Mr. Givens," said Kim Nechay, assistant director of the SU Foundation. "His fiscal background, creative energy, dedication and love for SU are a perfect mix for a chairman of our board at this time."

Currently, the foundation manages more than \$52 million in assets for the benefit of SU. Each of the institution's four schools is permanently endowed, a rarity in higher education.

In 2005, the foundation began the public phase of its Campaign 2012 initiative with a goal of raising \$30 million.

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By Stacie Manger
Staff Writer

First it was Gustav, next is Hanna, followed by the powerful Ike and everyone is waiting to see what Josephine will do. Hurricane season is blowing full force with little break between storms.

Gustav made landfall on the Gulf coastline last Monday as a Category 2 hurricane with 110 mph winds.

The storm reached the classification of a major storm by one mph.

There was ample damage in Louisiana, but New Orleans was spared.

President Bush praised the government's response to Gustav.

"The coordination on this storm

is a lot better than during Katrina," he said. The President gave high marks to the governors of the areas affected by Gustav. He said the state officials listened to everyone's problems and tried to solve them in the most effective manner. The hurricane killed at least nine people on the Gulf Coast and caused a minimum of \$12 billion in damage in

Officials are worried about Ike, a major hurricane expected to hit the Florida Keys early in the week. On Friday it was a Category 3 storm with winds reaching up to 115 mph. However, forecasters predict it could reach Category 4 with 131 mph winds. The Florida Keys have been ordered to be evacuated, but will not be forced to leave.

"We anticipate a lot of

compliance with the evacuation order," said spokesperson for the Monroe County Sheriff's Office, Becky Herrin.

"This is a big and scary storm, and

everybody is aware of it."

Ike is projected to head

towards the Gulf coast, but

that depends on the air cur-

rents. There are warnings for the Bahamas and Cuba. It is supposed to be off the coast of Florida by Thursday.

Josephine is a tropical depression

in the middle of the Atlantic.

It is expected to move to the north-

west and have little to no impact on

the coastline. Advisories for

Josephine will be issued if need be.

Experts believe that these hur-

canes are gaining strength each year

because of global warming.

"As seas warm, the ocean has

more energy that can be converted

to tropical cyclone wind," FSU pro-

fessor of geography and study lead

author James B. Elsner said.

Yet, other scientists believe that

the increase in the number of hur-

caines and their intensity cannot be

blamed on global warming. These

scientists, like the National

Hurricane Center's Christopher

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"As seas warm, the ocean has

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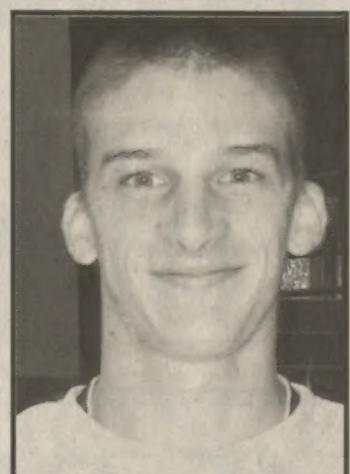
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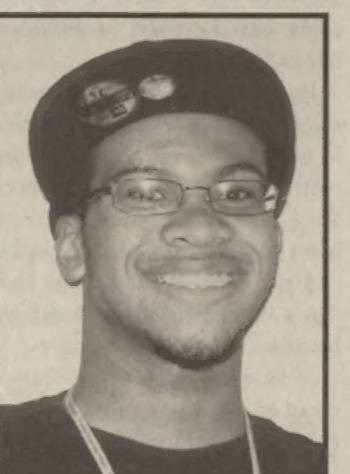
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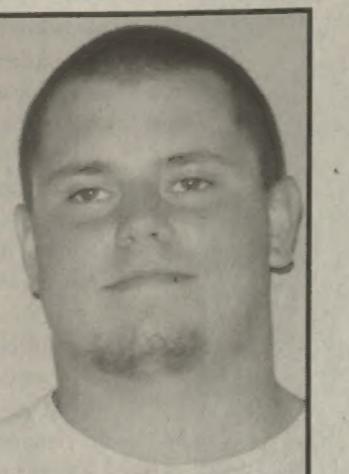
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"I think on McCain's part it was smart to choose a woman, but I think he's only doing it for popularity."



"I think his decision for his running mate was just for popularity."



"I think he could have made a better decision on his running mate."



"She's hot, she was the smartest choice of a VP, due to her child with Down Syndrome and the fact that she undermined Barack's advantage of being black."

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Letter from the editor

By Sarah Lake
Editor-in-chief

At a time when young people all over the country are rallying for change, it seems that SU students, comfortable in the bubble surrounding this campus, have missed the boat.

Outside of this bubble we have created, there's a war ensuing, the economy has flopped, the country has become overly dependent on foreign oil, and there's an energy crisis, among other things. And while we chat with our friends in The Commons, play Guitar Hero, and toss Frisbees in the Quad, a historical and highly significant presidential election is kicking off - one in which the turn-out can and will affect our future.

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Anyone interested in reviving the Hogue. McCain supporters more definitely have a leg up. What are you going to do about it Democrats?

I would also like to take this opportunity to ask members of the campus community to write letters to the editor expressing their political ideas. I'll print anything you send me so long as it's not highly offensive or inappropriate. Send your letters to flyer@salisbury.edu. They must be submitted before 5 p.m. on Wednesdays.

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The College Democrats have been MIA for a year, according to advisor Dr. Aaron Hogue. Additionally, their Web site has not been updated since 2005.

The College Republicans, on the other hand, are out in full force - blan-

ketting the campus with pro-McCain flyers and recruiting new members. In no way am I bashing the College Republicans. I applaud their efforts and sincerely hope that they continue to rally for their cause.

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LIFE & STYLE

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'Guitars in the Classroom' lets out the music

By Amanda Dureski
Staff Writer

In a time when gas prices and other costs are high, schools around the country are cutting back on important classes in the arts, such as music. For many students, these very classes are the reason they come to school everyday. Music provides an outlet and an area of interest for individuals who do not like subjects like mathematics or science. Without music, students may lose their curiosity and drive for learning; but with it, countless doors may be opened. Fortunately, a new program has arrived at Salisbury University that will bring music and fun into the classroom. This program is called Guitars in the Classroom.

Guitars in the Classroom (GITC) started ten years ago in California and has spread widely over time. The program is active in 22 states including Delaware, Virginia and Pennsylvania. Salisbury University has become the first institution in Maryland to pick up the program. This program was brought to life by Dr. Diane Wagner, professor in the Department of Education Specialties. Her passion for music and desire for it in the classroom directed her to the new position. Wagner has played the guitar for almost 30 years and currently has a CD out titled *Tradition Bearer*.

The musical program is available to current teachers in preschool through eighth grade.



Dan McFarland photo

Dr. Diane Wagner, professor in the Department of Education Specialties, introduced the Guitars in the Classroom program to Salisbury University. The program aims to encourage teachers to incorporate music into their curriculums.

participant is also given a free guitar to use in their classroom. The class meets for seven weeks and, within that time period, the basics of guitar are learned. The participants become involved in activities such as song writing, rhythm exercises, music games, singing warm-ups, learning techniques and lessons for taking care of their guitars.

No prior experience with guitars is necessary to take part in GITC. The class is meant for teachers who wish to improve their class with music, so simple techniques are established to help individuals of all skill levels.

Since it is difficult to use the left hand to play at first, an "Open G Tuning" technique is utilized in the beginning classes. This is when the guitar is already tuned to G so all one has to do is strum. Many songs require the use of only two fingers on the left hand. By the end of the first class, participants of GITC will be able to play a song on the guitar for their class.

The songs and styles of music learned are diversified due to the wide variety of students in the schools today. From folk music

to rap to hip hop, GITC touches upon many styles to include children and adolescents of all backgrounds, races and interests. Music in the classroom is a great way to help students who speak other languages learn English and visa versa. It even makes learning the alphabet easier. One of Wagner's favorite songs is the ABC Rap, which teaches children the ABCs in a fun, unique and effective way.

The question is: Why is it important to have GITC in the schools today. From folk music

offered to teachers in the Salisbury area?

"Music meets students where they are," Wagner said. "The goal of the program is to use music to help teach content."

With music there are always new things to learn and new ways to learn them. It keeps students interested and attentive. Tremendous leadership opportunities also become available with GITC. Students are able to get in front of their peers, practice the guitar, and showcase their talents.

The Salisbury University program for the fall has filled all 15 spots in the class and there is already a waiting list for the spring 2009 semester. Teachers from three surrounding counties attend the class. Worcester County encourages teachers to incorporate music in their curriculum, so GITC is a great opportunity for them.

The presence of music in the lives of children and adolescents today is apparent on TV, radio and movies. It is now time for it to make its way into the classroom. GITC is an amazing tool to do such a thing. With its experienced instructors, generous donors and active participants, the program has the ability to change the view of learning for countless students.

For more information please contact Dr. Diana Wagner at dmwagner@salisbury.edu or visit GITC's Web site, www.guitarsintheclassroom.org.

From the Photo Bank: What's happening on campus



Brett Morgan photo



Telecia Taylor photo

Students from Prince Street Elementary sing "We Are The World" at the Teacher Education and Technology Center (TETC) grand opening on Thursday.

The "Venetian Masks: The Art of the Mascareri" Exhibit will be on display in the Fulton Hall foyer until September 26. This is just one of the several events planned for this year's Renaissance Cultural Series.



Sarah Wright photo



SGA Vice President of External Affairs Pat Gotham runs the black jack table at Welcome Week's Casino Night in Maggs Gym.



Leslie Pusey photo

Freshmen Pat O'Keefe and Matt Pacchiana belt out "Breakfast at Tiffany's" at karaoke last Tuesday night. The event was hosted by SOAP.

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problems when clothing is borrowed without asking. If you and your roommate don't get along, it can help to find someone you do feel comfortable with — which should be easy on a campus with plenty of interesting people. If you're really having a hard time adjusting to living with someone else and sharing my belongings, I am also having a hard time because my roommate and I are so different. Any advice on how I can adjust?"

"I'm thinking about rushing but I'm not sure if it's for me. I'm afraid I'll lose friends who don't want to go Greek. How do I decide?"

In some cases, it can be a good thing if you and your roommate aren't much alike. A different perspective on things may be helpful. But it's probably wise not to expect that you'll be best friends with your roommate because it can set you up for disappointment. Agree on perimeters and talk through issues before they become problems and get out of control. Once perimeters are established, it may be necessary to make adjustments as new issues arise. If your roommate is doing something that upsets you, talk to them about it before you're not for you, the meeting will allow you to meet new people who are in the same shoes as you. There are many advantages to going Greek. As a member of the fraternity/sorority community, you will have the opportunity to meet students of various backgrounds with both similar and different interests as you. The Greek community also encourages and promotes high scholastic achievement and leadership skills that will benefit you in the future. Through the year a fraternity/sorority will participate in many social events such as Homecoming, Parent's Weekend, pre-game tailgates, dinner dances, mixers, backyard barbecues, Greek Week and special spring formals. For more information about the Greek life offered at Salisbury visit http://www.salisbury.edu/saol/greek/fraternities_sororities.htm.

Not that my parents didn't care

By Ben Muell

Staff Writer

The Greek community started the semester off with the first annual Salisbury University Greek Assessment Program (SUGAP) Awards Ceremony. The function was attended by the Vice President for Student Affairs, Dr. Ellen Neufeld, Associate Vice President for Student Affairs, Dr. Diane Foust and the Dean of Students, Ed Cowell.

The big award of the night went to Phi Mu, who received the SUGAP Chapter of the Year Award. "It was an amazing honor

for us. We all work very hard as a whole and achieving a 100 percent rating was really rewarding," said Sara Keirnan, president of Phi Mu. "For us SUGAP was just about documenting what we do throughout the semester and just adding a couple more events to fulfill the requirements. SUGAP provides the school with a way to see what Greek life is about and what we do here at SU and for the community."

Each chapter received an award based off of a 100 point scale. Other honors were awarded for academic excellence, campus and community involvement, leadership development, chapter operations, recruitment and new member education, ritual and inter-fraternal spirit.

"SUGAP will really be a great tool for the future. Before there really wasn't anything set in place to judge our organizations and now the program really gives us something to focus on and specific goals to achieve which, in the end, will improve each individual chapter as well as Greek life as a whole," said Jennifer Berkman, Director of Student Health Services at SU.

Student Health Services normally sees around 100 to 200 students a year for heat illnesses, Berkman said. Heat-related illness occurs when the internal body temperature rises due to exposure to heat, over working the body organs through exercise, or the loss of fluids due to excessive urine output. Heat-related illness can start off as dehydration and, if left untreated, can advance to heat exhaustion or heat stroke.

Dehydration has a wide range of causes. Symptoms include dry or sticky mouth, low or no urine output, urine that is dark yellow in color, sunken eyes, lethargy, low blood pressure, rapid heart rate and skin that has lost its elasticity. It can be prevented by staying hydrated and being sure to drink plenty of water.

Heat cramps are muscle pains or spasms that happen during heavy exercise. They can be avoided by staying hydrated, eating properly to help electrolytes balanced and being acclimated to the environment.

Heat exhaustion is a potentially serious illness that is caused by working too hard in hot weather. According to www.webmd.com symptoms include heavy sweating, confusion, dizziness, nausea, excessive thirst and slowed or weakened heartbeat.

Heatstroke is a life-threatening illness in which the body temperature may rise above 106 degrees in mere minutes and quickly cause death. According to www.webmd.com symptoms are similar to heat exhaustion and include flushed, hot, dry skin, rapid heart rate, decreased sweating, shortness of breath and dizziness. Symptoms may progress very quickly to seizures or severe delirium.

Heat exhaustion and heatstroke can be prevented by avoiding exercising and staying inside during the heat of the day along with staying hydrated. Treatments include resting in the shade, removing as much clothing as possible and taking sips of water. It is important to cool the body down as quickly as possible. This can be done by removing clothing and placing damp, cold towels directly on the skin.

Emergency personnel should be called as soon as dizziness, light-headedness or confusion occurs, or when in doubt, according to Berkman.

"Students should be knowledgeable about the signs and symptoms along with understanding how quickly you can become very sick if not treated," Berkman said.

According to familydoctor.org certain medications predispose you to heat illness. These include allergy medicines, diet pills, laxatives, blood pressure medications, thyroid pills, and cough and cold medicines.

Remember, the next time you're enjoying a relaxing day out in the sun, stay hydrated and look out for the signs and symptoms of heat illness in your friends.



Weekly Greek

SUGAP Honors Greek Life

John Stout, Student Life Coordinator of the Greek Life & Wellness Programs, opened up the night by giving thanks to everyone for their hard work to make Greek life the best it can be. Special thanks went out to Heather Holmes, Ann Ober and Lindsey Van Cottren of the Student Activities Office for their help with SUGAP.

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Leslie Pusey photo

Greek leaders await the announcements of award winners at the first annual SU Greek Assessment Program Awards Ceremony.

Unordinarily S(h)ane

By Shane Hill

Staff Writer

Originally my mother means me and my mom and that's what I'll go by to protect my friends and the reflections I hope you'll explore with me weekly.

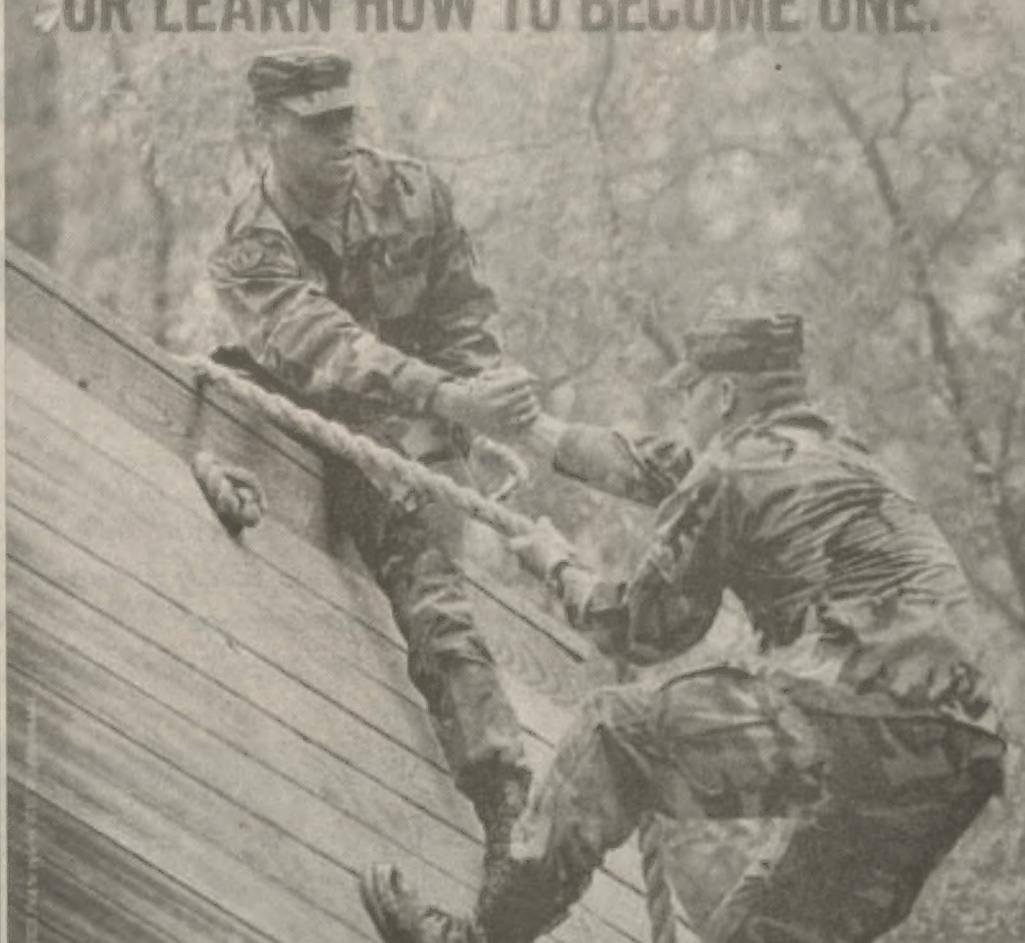
Going Greek is a huge decision and definitely impacts the rest of your time spent at school. It's also a great way to stay involved with campus activities and meet new people. Going to something as basic as a Greek life will give you an idea if it is something you would want to be a part of. Even if you decide it's not for you, the meeting will allow you to meet new people who are in the same shoes as you.

There are many advantages to going Greek. As a member of the fraternity/sorority community, you will have the opportunity to meet students of various backgrounds with both similar and different interests as you. The Greek community also encourages and promotes high scholastic achievement and leadership skills that will benefit you in the future. Through the year a fraternity/sorority will participate in many social events such as Homecoming, Parent's Weekend, pre-game tailgates, dinner dances, mixers, backyard barbecues, Greek Week and special spring formals. For more information about the Greek life offered at Salisbury visit http://www.salisbury.edu/saol/greek/fraternities_sororities.htm.

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HEALTH COLUMN

Heat Illness

By Katie Murphy

Staff Writer

As the final days of summer come to an end and last minute barbecues are still the norm, remember to be on the watch for heat illness. Spending a hot day drinking adult beverages and relaxing in the sun is a recipe for disaster. Alcoholic, caffeinated and sugary drinks quickly dehydrate the body making it susceptible to heat illness.

Athletes are at high risk when participating in strenuous exercise, especially in the heat of the day. "They are really challenging their bodies at a higher level than what they did in high school," said Jennifer Berkman, Director of Student Health Services at SU.

Student Health Services normally sees around 100 to 200 students a year for heat illnesses, Berkman said.

Heat-related illness occurs when the internal body temperature rises due to exposure to heat, over working the body organs through exercise, or the loss of fluids due to excessive urine output. Heat-related illness can start off as dehydration and, if left untreated, can advance to heat exhaustion or heat stroke.

Dehydration has a wide range of causes. Symptoms include dry or sticky mouth, low or no urine output, urine that is dark yellow in color, sunken eyes, lethargy, low blood pressure, rapid heart rate and skin that has lost its elasticity.

In this I felt that some of us, even myself, had forgotten the two or three jobs our parent(s) took up, the loans, the applications, the scholarships, etc. to help pay for the rising cost of tuition among other things or even never considered those of us who knew the harsh reality of paying for college ourselves. There are some of us who rely too heavily on the 'rents for things we can otherwise do ourselves, such as setting up conferences with a professor to discuss grades, or even to discuss roommates issues.

I have to admit that sometimes I've felt stuck in a sophomore's circus of parading ungrateful children. Again each matter is situational, but regardless, they say you never appreciate what you have until it's gone. In this case, us 'college kids' must continually mature with time, with our parent(s) as free weights versus anchors and a hand, not a life raft. Our choices: growing up and leaving the nest, or growing irresponsibly younger. For me, I hope to graduate as an adult.

Heat exhaustion and heatstroke can be prevented by avoiding exercising and staying inside during the heat of the day along with staying hydrated. Treatments include resting in the shade, removing as much clothing as possible and taking sips of water. It is important to cool the body down as quickly as possible. This can be done by removing clothing and placing damp, cold towels directly on the skin.

Emergency personnel should be called as soon as dizziness, light-headedness or confusion occurs, or when in doubt, according to Berkman.

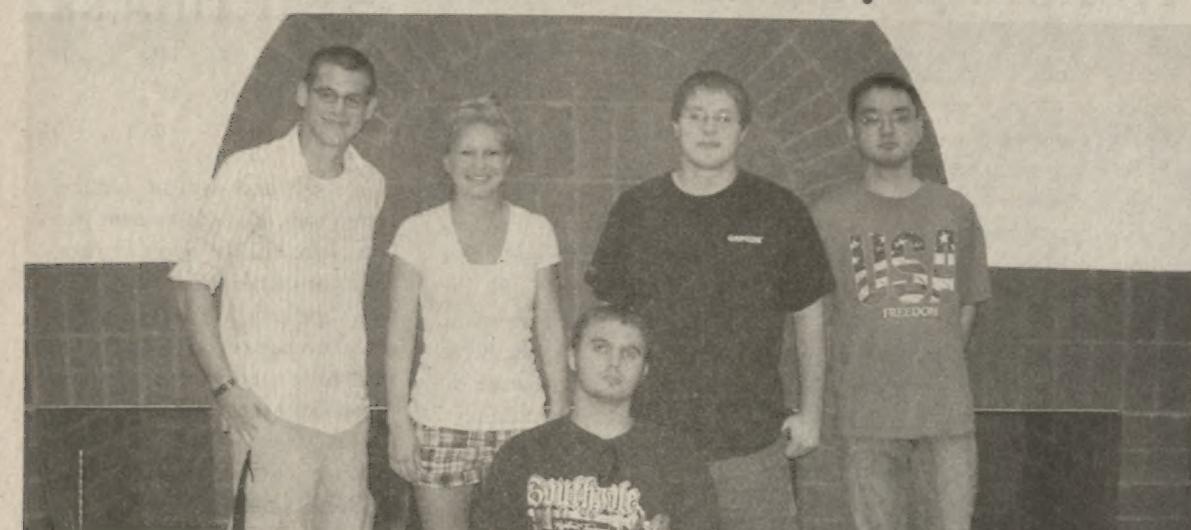
"Students should be knowledgeable about the signs and symptoms along with understanding how quickly you can become very sick if not treated," Berkman said.

According to familydoctor.org certain medications predispose you to heat illness. These include allergy medicines, diet pills, laxatives, blood pressure medications, thyroid pills, and cough and cold medicines.

Remember, the next time you're enjoying a relaxing day out in the sun, stay hydrated and look out for the signs and symptoms of heat illness in your friends.

Club Spotlight

Republicans on Campus



Republicans on Campus officers (left to right): Chris Larkin, president Angela Lelonak, Dave Larmore, vice president Shawn Jester, and David Slovin.

By Jillian Verpent
Staff Writer

Perhaps some people wandered over for the free pizza, but the majority of students who came out for the first meeting of the College Republicans were eager to get involved and voice their ideas and opinions.

The group gathered in the Guerrieri Center's Fireside Lounge and delved into a discussion about the Republican National

Convention. Many were quick to give credit and praise to vice presidential candidate Sarah Palin for her public speaking skills. Others were enthusiastic about helping our and ready to begin working as soon as possible, which is something the club officers were pleased to see.

"Getting involved politically gives people a chance to broaden their horizons," said club treasurer Chris Larkin.

"You get to see the difference you can make in the community," said president Angela Lenolek. "You can support your political party and help out candidates starting at the local level."

Both Larkin and Lenolek said the main goal of the club is to try to get the campus more politically active. The club does so by hosting weekly meetings to discuss ideas, setting up guest speakers and volunteering to help the campaigns of local candidates.

"Even if you don't agree with every viewpoint or idea, it is still a great learning opportunity," Larkin said. "It is important to know who is going to be responsible for shaping our future politically."

Educating people on the issues is one of the club's most important goals.

"If people do not know about what is going on around them, it will not help that they are registered to vote," Lenolek said. "People need to understand the issues to make a good decision when voting."

The club is currently working on setting up a regular meeting time so that they can begin planning their activities.

"We encourage everyone to come out and see what this is all about," Lenolek said.

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News from the Public Relations Office:

New deans to lead Henson and Fulton schools

SALISBURY, MD—Salisbury University's new dean of the Richard A. Henson School of Science and Technology began her career as an ecologist whose main research interest was studying bugs.

"Insects are so interesting," said Dr. Karen Olmstead, who took her first entomology class after deciding that she wanted to become a park ranger. Her favorite group of insects is a type of leaf beetle, called tortoise beetles, which have an unusual defense mechanism.

"As larvae they carry their waste products around on their bodies, which is a repugnant, but tremendously effective defense against many predators," she said. "As adults, these beetles are stunning, like brilliant jewels-kind of like the ugly duckling turning into a swan."

While Olmstead never pursued a career as a park ranger, she did earn her bachelor and master of science degrees in entomology from the University of Delaware, and her Ph.D. in entomology from the University of Maryland in 1991.

Then she began a 17-year academic career at The University of South Dakota in Vermillion, where she went from studying insect ecology in the field to nurturing students' growth in the classroom.

With roots as a Biology Department professor and chair, Olmstead served as USD's associate vice president for Academic Affairs and dean of the Graduate School, as well as director of University Honors and Undergraduate Studies. In her various roles at USD, she established a new interdisciplinary undergraduate program, gained national recognition for the University Honors Program and increased graduate student enrollment and programs in areas including biomedical engineering, political science and materials chemistry.

Olmstead said she was attracted by SU's focus on liberal arts and undergraduate research. "SU has always been on my radar because of its emphasis on undergraduate research

and preparation of students for leadership," she said. "I was so impressed with the leadership role SU took as two-time host of the National Conference on Undergraduate Research. Given the high-quality programs we offer, and trends in higher education, applied graduate education in select fields represents a real opportunity for Salisbury University."

As dean of the Henson School, Olmstead will oversee seven academic departments and more than fifteen academic programs. She also plans to work with the Seidel School of Education and Professional Studies in greater depth, and academic success will require greater self-discipline and more extensive study outside of the classroom," he said. "Faculty members in turn will have to develop new strategies and approaches to motivate students and stimulate learning, but that's what makes teaching such a satisfying and rewarding profession."

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the Fulton School, advancing to associate dean in 1998. After serving a year as interim dean, he was appointed chair of the History Department in 2002. Now, he oversees that department along with 11 others as dean. His first major task ensuring that the Fulton School's recently enacted curriculum reform, which will have students taking four four-credit courses instead of five three-credit courses, will provide students with an educational opportunity characteristic of exclusive private liberal arts colleges.

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SafeRide successfully hosts its second annual Rock the Quad

By Samantha Sullivan
Staff Writer

This past Friday, SafeRide held its second annual Rock the Quad event on campus.

Instead of sending out e-mails and posting flyers around campus, SafeRide decided to raise awareness another way. They took over the quad and turned it into an on campus hot spot to raise awareness of the organization.

The event included a badminton game, snacks, drinks, high flying kites, and free stuff promoting the SafeRide name. Those who stopped by to learn more about the organization and to sign up to work for SafeRide got juice, chips, cozies, t-shirts, key chains, magnets and more.

SafeRide also collaborated with WXSU radio station on campus to use their new outdoor sound equipment to play music for everyone to hear.

"I think Rock the Quad is a successful way to get people interested in SafeRide because they are raising awareness and having fun at the same time. Also, the event is in the middle of freshman housing so they can let new students know that there is a way for them to get involved on campus and an outlet for them if they are ever in a bad

situation," said senior Khalfani Blount. "I came to see what it was all about."

Rock the Quad is a way for students to get to know the SafeRide members so that they know they can use and work for the program and that the members take it seriously.

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Come hell or high heat: OSAO&L's 2008 Student Activities Fair



The SU Sailing Club was a big hit at the Student Activities Fair, having come prepared with an actual boat.

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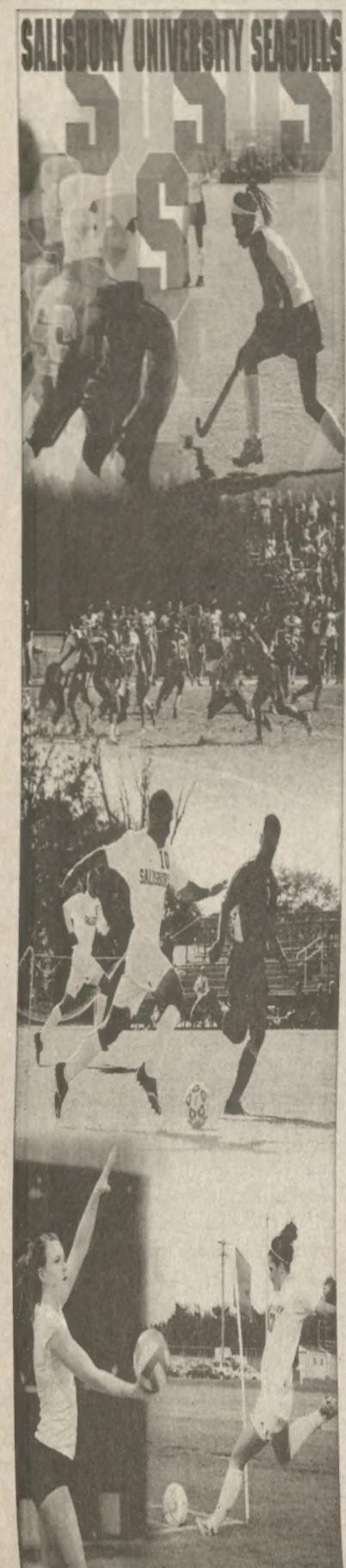
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Fall 2008 Sports Preview

FOOTBALL

By Ben Mull
Staff Writer

Roughly fifty members of the Salisbury University football team spent their summer not on the beach, but in the weight room and on the track. "There is not an off season. We practice to prepare for the game and we carry ourselves like that at all time," senior guard Jeremy McKinney said.

Senior Matt Barnes and junior linebacker Josh Leonardi will lead the Gulls' 3-3-5 stack defense. Senior Justin Acker and junior Antonio Cuff will lead the secondary. Seniors Jarrell Chandler and McCall Tyler will bookend a very deep and athletic line.

Junior William Midgette will finally get his time to shine in the slot back position along side fellow junior Nick Soussanin, a very talented skill player. Senior super back Shelly Fisher will be the sledgehammer of the Gulls' option ground attack. Wide outs senior Kevin Tillage and junior DJ Nelson will stretch opposing defenses deep into the secondary. Senior offensive lineman and preseason All-American David Preston will head a senior class of five offensive linemen.

Returning for his third year as quarterback is senior Ronnie Curley. "We're really excited about the coming season. We have a lot of seniors that have played together for the last four years and we're going to take it one game at a time, but we are expecting to win," Curley said.

"There is a quote on the wall in the locker room, 'when you win nothing hurts' and we expect to win so we know that all our hard work will pay off," Fisher said. This confidence was echoed by Coach Wood who is counting on senior experience and a wealth of depth all over the field to lead them back to the playoffs.

VOLLEYBALL

By Rachel Grau
Staff Writer

The Gulls volleyball team returns to the court after losing only one set from last year's CAC winning team. "It gives us a year of experience when we walk on the opponent's court," Coach Margie Knight said.

With a competitive season for the Sea Gulls ahead, each member of the team will play an intricate role. "Everyone has to step up in their own position," senior Jaime Marzocchi said. Senior outside hitter and All-American Stacey Krebs helps lead the Sea Gull offense. Other outside hitters include junior Rachel Downes, senior Stephanie Withers and sophomore Melissa Stansbury. Senior Sabrina Larmer and junior Nicole Massarelli will be positioned in the middle for the Gulls.

The Gulls enter the season with leadership and experience. They return two all-conference players, the entire starting defense and starting goalie.

On offense, the Gulls will turn to senior forward Diana Passucci and junior midfielder Christina Eury. Passucci collected 11 points and four goals last season as well as recording a .652 shot on goal percentage. Eury started every game last season and was elected co-captain for 2008. Junior forward Samantha Asch will be expected to make contributions for the Gulls' offense.

The defense is coming off a season in which they gave up only 12 goals. The defense will look to All-CAC junior Hilary Grove to maintain the defensive intensity achieved last year. Senior co-captain Kelli Slater will also play an important role in the Gulls' defense. Junior Colleen Galligan and senior Katie Marshall will also look to make contributions on the defensive side of the ball.

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By Tom Watson
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FIELD HOCKEY

By Edward Baidoo
Staff Writer

The No. 2 Sea Gulls field hockey team got off to a good start with a 1-0 win over St. Mary's on Friday.

Coach Dawn Chamberlin has enjoyed a lot of success since taking the head coach position. She led the Gulls to the NCAA Tournament 21 times in her 22 years as coach and is one of the most successful coaches in Division III history, with three national championships along with a run of 13 straight CAC championships. She is also one of eight field hockey coaches in Division III and one of twenty field hockey coaches in NCAA history to record 300 wins.

The Gulls were, as Chamberlin said, "very disappointed" when they lost the championship game by a goal to Middlebury last year. But the loss may prove as extra motivation to finish out on top this season. "They have lots of motivation and lots of fire and they will be ready to go," Chamberlin said. In order to win the championship, they will have to overcome some key losses, especially the loss of star goalie Maria Ramoudos. "Goalkeepers are very difficult to replace. She came in her freshman year and helped us win a national championship," Chamberlin said.

Though Ramoudos is no longer there as goalie, Chamberlin has confidence in this year's starting goalie, sophomore Anna Cooke. There are a lot of returning players that should have a major impact on the success of this year's squad. Sophomore midfielder Courtney Webster and junior forward Beverly Beladino will look to step up even more this year. This year's team is determined to work together to reach one goal, which, as Beladino put it best is "to win a championship".

SU opens its 2008 home schedule against Ursinus College on September 13. Ursinus kicks off a four-game home stand for the Gulls. The Gulls will go to play three consecutive conference games, including a match-up against No. 16 York College.

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New fitness center open to students



Andrew Baker photo

SU students play racquetball in the University Fitness Center. The Center also offers a variety of classes and programs, as well as a cardio room and a strength room, both fully furnished with new top-of-the-line equipment.

By Shawn Nilsson
Staff Writer

Last April, the Salisbury University Foundation authorized the purchase of the Merritt Racquetball and Fitness Club, making it the first new campus recreational facility in 30 years. The new gym, now named the University Fitness Center, is located on the corner of Wayne and Milford Street. The gym aims to give students an opportunity to work out at another facility besides Maggs Gym without having to pay a membership fee.

"Students love it so far," said Kristin Watson, the facilities fitness coordinator. "They didn't have anything like this before. We offer a lot of different things and operate in a more health club atmosphere compared to Maggs, which is a university gym."

"In two months we feel like we got a lot done," said Matt Nein, the university's manager of facilities and fitness. "When we took over on July 1 there were a lot of things that we didn't even think about that were potentially issues. One was the duct system. The whole system needed to be cleaned. The downstairs air conditioning system wasn't functioning right, so that was completely replaced. The entire entry way was basically gutted and redone from scratch. We removed all the existing equipment, the upstairs flooring was redone, we painted the outside of the building, bought new signs, had new landscaping done - there were a lot of odds and ends. It's not that they didn't take care of it, but you could tell that stuff had years on it."

"What we wanted was for it to have a 'wow' factor," continued Nein. "That's the thing that President Eshbach talked about. When you walk in you want to have a 'wow' factor, and if you had ever been in the building before, walking through the doors now, the place is totally transformed. It's a totally different environment when you walk in now."

The fitness center has changed some as well. Besides offering racquetball, the gym has brand new top-of-the-line equipment and will offer a variety of classes and programs.

"Our greatest strength is our diversity," Watson said. "We have the ability to offer nearly everything anyone could want in a fitness club. From our classes, to

racquetball, we have a cardio room, a strength-training room. We feel like we left no stone unturned. Everything is brand new, and hopefully it will produce more effective results."

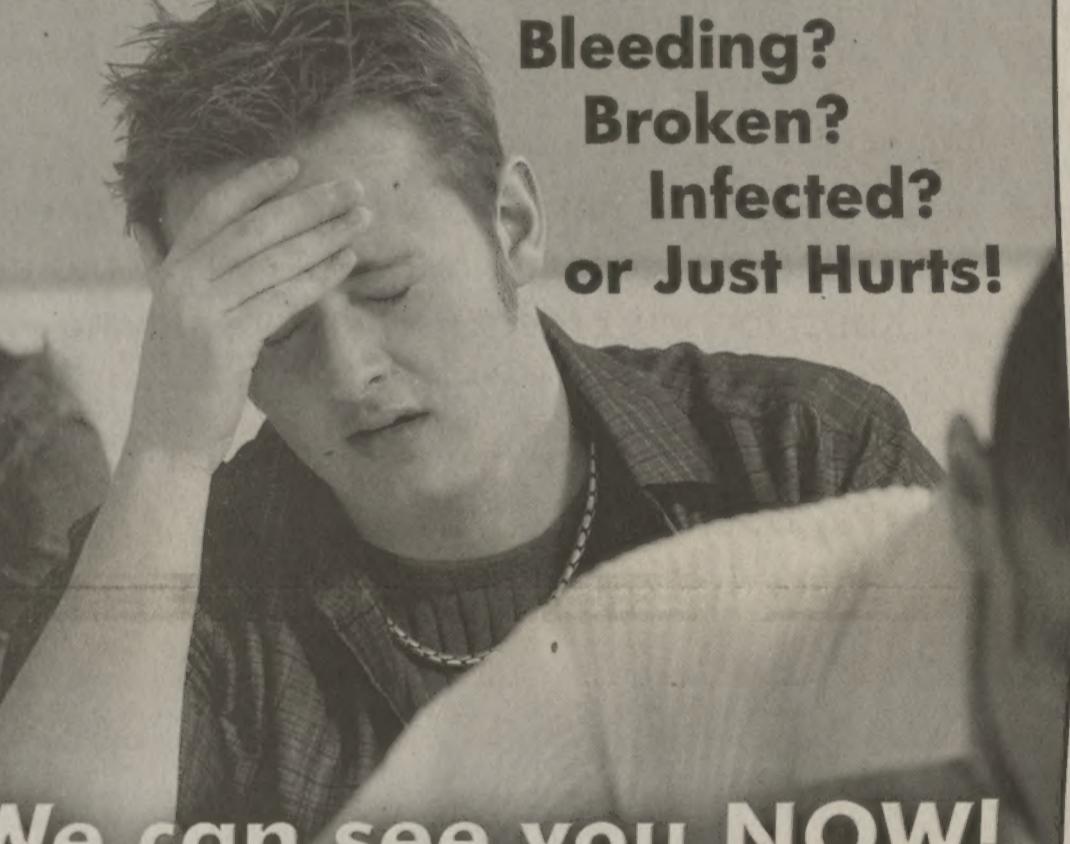
"It was almost a no brainer," Nein said. "With its location right behind the soccer fields and right

across from UP, it's great. It will help to relieve some of the stress on Maggs because it is normally jam-packed between. We found that a lot of students, on top of the fees they pay to use our facilities, were going out and buying memberships at other gyms because it was just impossible to get on a treadmill or an elliptical.

But this will let people have an opportunity to work out whenever they want."

"Once it catches on, it will be the buzz around campus," Watson said. "Once people get into a routine we should be extremely busy and continue to grow in popularity."

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